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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Darwin Prockop <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1632 : : :
Appln. No.:	08/913,918	: Examiner: Dave Nguyen : :
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For:	ISOLATED STROMAL CELLS AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME	: (9855-14U1) : (TJU-1857)

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for One Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Office Action to and through June 17, 2004.